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## North Carolina's August County and Area Employment Figures Released

**RALEIGH —** Unemployment rates (not seasonally adjusted) increased in 98 of North Carolina's counties in August and remained unchanged in two. Edgecombe County had the highest unemployment rate at 7.9 percent while Buncombe, Swain, and Chatham Counties each had the lowest at 3.1 percent. All fifteen of the state's metro areas experienced rate increases. Among the metro areas, Rocky Mount had the highest rate at 6.5 percent while Asheville and Durham-Chapel Hill each had the lowest at 3.2 percent. The August not seasonally adjusted statewide rate was 3.9 percent.

|  | Counties With Rates 5% or Below | Counties With Rates Between 5% and 10% | Counties With Rates 10% or Above |
|---|---|---|---|
| **August** | 82 | 18 | 0 |
| **July (Revised)** | 85 | 15 | 0 |

When compared to the same month last year, not seasonally adjusted unemployment rates decreased in all 100 counties. All 15 of the state's metro areas experienced rate decreases over the year.

The number of workers employed statewide (not seasonally adjusted) decreased in August by 52,600 to 4,914,946, while those unemployed increased by 9,779 to 199,869. Since August 2021, the number of workers employed statewide increased 187,171, while those unemployed decreased 40,417.

It is important to note that employment estimates are subject to large seasonal patterns; therefore, it is advisable to focus on over-the-year changes in the not seasonally adjusted estimates.

The next unemployment update is scheduled for Friday, October 21, 2022 when the state unemployment rate for September 2022 will be released.

**These data can be accessed on the Commerce website at https://d4.nccommerce.com/**

# NORTH CAROLINA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
## Preliminary Statewide and County Data for
## August 2022

| County | Labor Force | Unemployed | Rate | County | Labor Force | Unemployed | Rate |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| STATEWIDE | 5,114,815 | 199,869 | 3.9 | | | | |
| ALAMANCE | 82,968 | 3,312 | 4.0 | JOHNSTON | 106,935 | 3,720 | 3.5 |
| ALEXANDER | 17,710 | 588 | 3.3 | JONES | 4,215 | 139 | 3.3 |
| ALLEGHANY | 4,405 | 164 | 3.7 | LEE | 26,044 | 1,186 | 4.6 |
| ANSON | 10,163 | 496 | 4.9 | LENOIR | 27,091 | 1,048 | 3.9 |
| ASHE | 13,253 | 450 | 3.4 | LINCOLN | 45,957 | 1,528 | 3.3 |
| AVERY | 7,826 | 248 | 3.2 | MCDOWELL | 19,507 | 729 | 3.7 |
| BEAUFORT | 19,752 | 805 | 4.1 | MACON | 15,677 | 562 | 3.6 |
| BERTIE | 7,301 | 395 | 5.4 | MADISON | 9,926 | 348 | 3.5 |
| BLADEN | 14,089 | 666 | 4.7 | MARTIN | 8,493 | 394 | 4.6 |
| BRUNSWICK | 57,155 | 2,749 | 4.8 | MECKLENBURG | 646,886 | 24,466 | 3.8 |
| BUNCOMBE | 139,864 | 4,292 | 3.1 | MITCHELL | 5,920 | 251 | 4.2 |
| BURKE | 40,199 | 1,444 | 3.6 | MONTGOMERY | 11,504 | 441 | 3.8 |
| CABARRUS | 114,992 | 4,096 | 3.6 | MOORE | 40,705 | 1,576 | 3.9 |
| CALDWELL | 35,814 | 1,343 | 3.7 | NASH | 41,654 | 2,388 | 5.7 |
| CAMDEN | 4,571 | 168 | 3.7 | NEW HANOVER | 127,095 | 4,362 | 3.4 |
| CARTERET | 32,398 | 1,092 | 3.4 | NORTHAMPTON | 7,080 | 358 | 5.1 |
| CASWELL | 9,704 | 415 | 4.3 | ONSLOW | 67,337 | 3,061 | 4.5 |
| CATAWBA | 78,204 | 2,850 | 3.6 | ORANGE | 82,407 | 2,617 | 3.2 |
| CHATHAM | 37,772 | 1,184 | 3.1 | PAMLICO | 5,381 | 198 | 3.7 |
| CHEROKEE | 10,811 | 457 | 4.2 | PASQUOTANK | 16,404 | 784 | 4.8 |
| CHOWAN | 5,606 | 241 | 4.3 | PENDER | 30,170 | 1,090 | 3.6 |
| CLAY | 3,975 | 173 | 4.4 | PERQUIMANS | 4,868 | 224 | 4.6 |
| CLEVELAND | 47,655 | 2,071 | 4.3 | PERSON | 19,014 | 737 | 3.9 |
| COLUMBUS | 23,201 | 1,095 | 4.7 | PITT | 87,669 | 3,926 | 4.5 |
| CRAVEN | 41,214 | 1,581 | 3.8 | POLK | 9,465 | 355 | 3.8 |
| CUMBERLAND | 127,543 | 7,430 | 5.8 | RANDOLPH | 65,335 | 2,539 | 3.9 |
| CURRITUCK | 14,597 | 489 | 3.4 | RICHMOND | 16,223 | 967 | 6.0 |
| DARE | 22,446 | 757 | 3.4 | ROBESON | 47,906 | 3,096 | 6.5 |
| DAVIDSON | 80,240 | 2,950 | 3.7 | ROCKINGHAM | 39,484 | 1,745 | 4.4 |
| DAVIE | 20,456 | 726 | 3.5 | ROWAN | 67,112 | 2,553 | 3.8 |
| DUPLIN | 24,235 | 933 | 3.8 | RUTHERFORD | 23,924 | 1,286 | 5.4 |
| DURHAM | 180,840 | 5,854 | 3.2 | SAMPSON | 28,098 | 1,126 | 4.0 |
| EDGECOMBE | 20,082 | 1,596 | 7.9 | SCOTLAND | 11,042 | 846 | 7.7 |
| FORSYTH | 186,114 | 7,485 | 4.0 | STANLY | 30,283 | 1,056 | 3.5 |
| FRANKLIN | 33,653 | 1,285 | 3.8 | STOKES | 21,326 | 737 | 3.5 |
| GASTON | 113,757 | 4,520 | 4.0 | SURRY | 31,640 | 1,165 | 3.7 |
| GATES | 5,108 | 190 | 3.7 | SWAIN | 7,385 | 230 | 3.1 |
| GRAHAM | 3,047 | 160 | 5.3 | TRANSYLVANIA | 15,001 | 514 | 3.4 |
| GRANVILLE | 30,228 | 1,032 | 3.4 | TYRRELL | 1,463 | 75 | 5.1 |
| GREENE | 9,366 | 318 | 3.4 | UNION | 129,106 | 4,287 | 3.3 |
| GUILFORD | 260,674 | 11,741 | 4.5 | VANCE | 16,695 | 1,145 | 6.9 |
| HALIFAX | 18,950 | 1,252 | 6.6 | WAKE | 624,675 | 20,165 | 3.2 |
| HARNETT | 54,247 | 2,412 | 4.4 | WARREN | 6,437 | 452 | 7.0 |
| HAYWOOD | 29,727 | 966 | 3.2 | WASHINGTON | 4,361 | 245 | 5.6 |
| HENDERSON | 54,682 | 1,784 | 3.3 | WATAUGA | 29,222 | 995 | 3.4 |
| HERTFORD | 8,407 | 463 | 5.5 | WAYNE | 51,128 | 2,140 | 4.2 |
| HOKE | 20,227 | 1,110 | 5.5 | WILKES | 26,643 | 1,058 | 4.0 |
| HYDE | 1,891 | 86 | 4.5 | WILSON | 32,543 | 2,032 | 6.2 |
| IREDELL | 93,741 | 3,347 | 3.6 | YADKIN | 17,354 | 593 | 3.4 |
| JACKSON | 19,810 | 774 | 3.9 | YANCEY | 8,348 | 296 | 3.5 |

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# NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY MONTHLY AND YEARLY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE CHANGES

| County | August 2022 | July 2022 | August 2021 | OTM Change | OTY Change | County | August 2022 | July 2022 | August 2021 | OTM Change | OTY Change |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| STATEWIDE | 3.9 | 3.7 | 4.8 | 0.2 | -0.9 | | | | | | |
| ALAMANCE | 4.0 | 3.8 | 4.9 | 0.2 | -0.9 | JOHNSTON | 3.5 | 3.3 | 4.3 | 0.2 | -0.8 |
| ALEXANDER | 3.3 | 3.1 | 4.2 | 0.2 | -0.9 | JONES | 3.3 | 3.2 | 4.4 | 0.1 | -1.1 |
| ALLEGHANY | 3.7 | 3.6 | 4.5 | 0.1 | -0.8 | LEE | 4.6 | 4.2 | 5.6 | 0.4 | -1.0 |
| ANSON | 4.9 | 4.7 | 6.3 | 0.2 | -1.4 | LENOIR | 3.9 | 3.7 | 5.0 | 0.2 | -1.1 |
| ASHE | 3.4 | 3.2 | 3.8 | 0.2 | -0.4 | LINCOLN | 3.3 | 3.1 | 4.1 | 0.2 | -0.8 |
| AVERY | 3.2 | 3.0 | 3.9 | 0.2 | -0.7 | MCDOWELL | 3.7 | 3.4 | 4.5 | 0.3 | -0.8 |
| BEAUFORT | 4.1 | 3.8 | 4.9 | 0.3 | -0.8 | MACON | 3.6 | 3.2 | 4.2 | 0.4 | -0.6 |
| BERTIE | 5.4 | 4.9 | 6.3 | 0.5 | -0.9 | MADISON | 3.5 | 3.3 | 4.4 | 0.2 | -0.9 |
| BLADEN | 4.7 | 4.5 | 6.0 | 0.2 | -1.3 | MARTIN | 4.6 | 4.3 | 5.5 | 0.3 | -0.9 |
| BRUNSWICK | 4.8 | 4.3 | 5.8 | 0.5 | -1.0 | MECKLENBURG | 3.8 | 3.5 | 4.8 | 0.3 | -1.0 |
| BUNCOMBE | 3.1 | 2.9 | 4.1 | 0.2 | -1.0 | MITCHELL | 4.2 | 3.9 | 5.1 | 0.3 | -0.9 |
| BURKE | 3.6 | 3.4 | 4.5 | 0.2 | -0.9 | MONTGOMERY | 3.8 | 3.7 | 5.0 | 0.1 | -1.2 |
| CABARRUS | 3.6 | 3.4 | 4.4 | 0.2 | -0.8 | MOORE | 3.9 | 3.7 | 4.7 | 0.2 | -0.8 |
| CALDWELL | 3.7 | 3.5 | 4.9 | 0.2 | -1.2 | NASH | 5.7 | 5.4 | 6.4 | 0.3 | -0.7 |
| CAMDEN | 3.7 | 3.4 | 4.3 | 0.3 | -0.6 | NEW HANOVER | 3.4 | 3.2 | 4.2 | 0.2 | -0.8 |
| CARTERET | 3.4 | 3.1 | 4.0 | 0.3 | -0.6 | NORTHAMPTON | 5.1 | 4.9 | 6.2 | 0.2 | -1.1 |
| CASWELL | 4.3 | 4.1 | 5.4 | 0.2 | -1.1 | ONSLOW | 4.5 | 4.4 | 5.3 | 0.1 | -0.8 |
| CATAWBA | 3.6 | 3.4 | 4.6 | 0.2 | -1.0 | ORANGE | 3.2 | 3.1 | 3.7 | 0.1 | -0.5 |
| CHATHAM | 3.1 | 2.9 | 3.7 | 0.2 | -0.6 | PAMLICO | 3.7 | 3.4 | 4.4 | 0.3 | -0.7 |
| CHEROKEE | 4.2 | 3.9 | 5.1 | 0.3 | -0.9 | PASQUOTANK | 4.8 | 4.5 | 5.4 | 0.3 | -0.6 |
| CHOWAN | 4.3 | 4.0 | 5.0 | 0.3 | -0.7 | PENDER | 3.6 | 3.4 | 4.3 | 0.2 | -0.7 |
| CLAY | 4.4 | 4.0 | 5.2 | 0.4 | -0.8 | PERQUIMANS | 4.6 | 4.3 | 5.3 | 0.3 | -0.7 |
| CLEVELAND | 4.3 | 4.0 | 5.4 | 0.3 | -1.1 | PERSON | 3.9 | 3.6 | 5.1 | 0.3 | -1.2 |
| COLUMBUS | 4.7 | 4.5 | 6.3 | 0.2 | -1.6 | PITT | 4.5 | 4.3 | 5.3 | 0.2 | -0.8 |
| CRAVEN | 3.8 | 3.6 | 4.7 | 0.2 | -0.9 | POLK | 3.8 | 3.6 | 4.8 | 0.2 | -1.0 |
| CUMBERLAND | 5.8 | 5.6 | 7.0 | 0.2 | -1.2 | RANDOLPH | 3.9 | 3.6 | 4.7 | 0.3 | -0.8 |
| CURRITUCK | 3.4 | 3.2 | 3.9 | 0.2 | -0.5 | RICHMOND | 6.0 | 5.7 | 7.3 | 0.3 | -1.3 |
| DARE | 3.4 | 3.1 | 4.4 | 0.3 | -1.0 | ROBESON | 6.5 | 6.2 | 7.7 | 0.3 | -1.2 |
| DAVIDSON | 3.7 | 3.5 | 4.5 | 0.2 | -0.8 | ROCKINGHAM | 4.4 | 4.1 | 5.4 | 0.3 | -1.0 |
| DAVIE | 3.5 | 3.3 | 4.3 | 0.2 | -0.8 | ROWAN | 3.8 | 3.6 | 4.9 | 0.2 | -1.1 |
| DUPLIN | 3.8 | 3.7 | 4.6 | 0.1 | -0.8 | RUTHERFORD | 5.4 | 5.2 | 6.6 | 0.2 | -1.2 |
| DURHAM | 3.2 | 3.0 | 4.1 | 0.2 | -0.9 | SAMPSON | 4.0 | 3.8 | 4.7 | 0.2 | -0.7 |
| EDGECOMBE | 7.9 | 7.4 | 8.5 | 0.5 | -0.6 | SCOTLAND | 7.7 | 7.6 | 9.5 | 0.1 | -1.8 |
| FORSYTH | 4.0 | 3.8 | 5.0 | 0.2 | -1.0 | STANLY | 3.5 | 3.3 | 4.5 | 0.2 | -1.0 |
| FRANKLIN | 3.8 | 3.6 | 4.8 | 0.2 | -1.0 | STOKES | 3.5 | 3.2 | 4.2 | 0.3 | -0.7 |
| GASTON | 4.0 | 3.7 | 5.1 | 0.3 | -1.1 | SURRY | 3.7 | 3.5 | 4.4 | 0.2 | -0.7 |
| GATES | 3.7 | 3.4 | 4.5 | 0.3 | -0.8 | SWAIN | 3.1 | 2.9 | 4.1 | 0.2 | -1.0 |
| GRAHAM | 5.3 | 5.1 | 6.4 | 0.2 | -1.1 | TRANSYLVANIA | 3.4 | 3.1 | 4.2 | 0.3 | -0.8 |
| GRANVILLE | 3.4 | 3.2 | 4.1 | 0.2 | -0.7 | TYRRELL | 5.1 | 4.6 | 5.8 | 0.5 | -0.7 |
| GREENE | 3.4 | 3.2 | 4.1 | 0.2 | -0.7 | UNION | 3.3 | 3.2 | 4.1 | 0.1 | -0.8 |
| GUILFORD | 4.5 | 4.3 | 5.6 | 0.2 | -1.1 | VANCE | 6.9 | 6.4 | 8.0 | 0.5 | -1.1 |
| HALIFAX | 6.6 | 6.2 | 7.4 | 0.4 | -0.8 | WAKE | 3.2 | 3.0 | 4.0 | 0.2 | -0.8 |
| HARNETT | 4.4 | 4.2 | 5.4 | 0.2 | -1.0 | WARREN | 7.0 | 6.7 | 7.8 | 0.3 | -0.8 |
| HAYWOOD | 3.2 | 3.0 | 4.2 | 0.2 | -1.0 | WASHINGTON | 5.6 | 5.3 | 6.6 | 0.3 | -1.0 |
| HENDERSON | 3.3 | 3.0 | 4.1 | 0.3 | -0.8 | WATAUGA | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.9 | 0.0 | -0.5 |
| HERTFORD | 5.5 | 5.4 | 7.0 | 0.1 | -1.5 | WAYNE | 4.2 | 4.0 | 5.1 | 0.2 | -0.9 |
| HOKE | 5.5 | 5.2 | 6.5 | 0.3 | -1.0 | WILKES | 4.0 | 3.8 | 4.9 | 0.2 | -0.9 |
| HYDE | 4.5 | 4.4 | 5.4 | 0.1 | -0.9 | WILSON | 6.2 | 5.9 | 7.1 | 0.3 | -0.9 |
| IREDELL | 3.6 | 3.4 | 4.6 | 0.2 | -1.0 | YADKIN | 3.4 | 3.2 | 4.2 | 0.2 | -0.8 |
| JACKSON | 3.9 | 3.9 | 4.7 | 0.0 | -0.8 | YANCEY | 3.5 | 3.3 | 4.4 | 0.2 | -0.9 |

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# METROPOLITAN AND MICROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS
## CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
### *Preliminary Data for*
### *August 2022*

| Metropolitan Statistical Area | Labor Force | Unemployed | Rate |
|---|---|---|---|
| ASHEVILLE | 234,199 | 7,390 | 3.2 |
| BURLINGTON | 82,968 | 3,312 | 4.0 |
| CHARLOTTE-CONCORD-GASTONIA | 1,419,014 | 51,762 | 3.6 |
| DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL | 320,033 | 10,392 | 3.2 |
| FAYETTEVILLE | 147,770 | 8,540 | 5.8 |
| GOLDSBORO | 51,128 | 2,140 | 4.2 |
| GREENSBORO-HIGH POINT | 365,493 | 16,025 | 4.4 |
| GREENVILLE | 87,669 | 3,926 | 4.5 |
| HICKORY-LENOIR-MORGANTON | 171,927 | 6,225 | 3.6 |
| JACKSONVILLE | 67,337 | 3,061 | 4.5 |
| NEW BERN | 50,810 | 1,918 | 3.8 |
| RALEIGH | 765,263 | 25,170 | 3.3 |
| ROCKY MOUNT | 61,736 | 3,984 | 6.5 |
| WILMINGTON | 157,265 | 5,452 | 3.5 |
| WINSTON-SALEM | 325,490 | 12,491 | 3.8 |

| Micropolitan Statistical Area | Labor Force | Unemployed | Rate |
|---|---|---|---|
| ALBEMARLE | 30,283 | 1,056 | 3.5 |
| BOONE | 29,222 | 995 | 3.4 |
| BREVARD | 15,001 | 514 | 3.4 |
| CULLOWHEE | 19,810 | 774 | 3.9 |
| DUNN | 54,247 | 2,412 | 4.4 |
| ELIZABETH CITY | 25,843 | 1,176 | 4.6 |
| FOREST CITY | 23,924 | 1,286 | 5.4 |
| HENDERSON | 16,695 | 1,145 | 6.9 |
| KILL DEVIL HILLS | 23,909 | 832 | 3.5 |
| KINSTON | 27,091 | 1,048 | 3.9 |
| LAURINBURG | 11,042 | 846 | 7.7 |
| LUMBERTON | 47,906 | 3,096 | 6.5 |
| MARION | 19,507 | 729 | 3.7 |
| MOREHEAD CITY | 32,398 | 1,092 | 3.4 |
| MOUNT AIRY | 31,640 | 1,165 | 3.7 |
| NORTH WILKESBORO | 26,643 | 1,058 | 4.0 |
| OXFORD | 30,228 | 1,032 | 3.4 |
| PINEHURST-SOUTHERN PINES | 40,705 | 1,576 | 3.9 |
| ROANOKE RAPIDS | 26,030 | 1,610 | 6.2 |
| ROCKINGHAM | 16,223 | 967 | 6.0 |
| SANFORD | 26,044 | 1,186 | 4.6 |
| SHELBY | 47,655 | 2,071 | 4.3 |
| WASHINGTON | 19,752 | 805 | 4.1 |
| WILSON | 32,543 | 2,032 | 6.2 |

## COMBINED STATISTICAL AREAS
## CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
### *Preliminary Data for*
### *August 2022*

| Combined Statistical Area | Labor Force | Unemployed | Rate |
|---|---|---|---|
| ASHEVILLE-BREVARD | 249,200 | 7,904 | 3.2 |
| CHARLOTTE-CONCORD | 1,496,952 | 54,889 | 3.7 |
| FAYETTEVILLE-LUMBERTON-LAURINBURG | 206,718 | 12,482 | 6.0 |
| GREENSBORO-WINSTON-SALEM-HIGH POINT | 805,591 | 32,993 | 4.1 |
| GREENVILLE-WASHINGTON | 107,421 | 4,731 | 4.4 |
| HICKORY-LENOIR | 191,434 | 6,954 | 3.6 |
| NEW BERN-MOREHEAD CITY | 83,208 | 3,010 | 3.6 |
| RALEIGH-DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL | 1,212,510 | 41,337 | 3.4 |
| ROCKY MOUNT-WILSON-ROANOKE RAPIDS | 120,309 | 7,626 | 6.3 |

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# METROPOLITAN AND MICROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS
## MULTICOUNTY SMALL LABOR MARKET AREA
## MONTHLY AND YEARLY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE CHANGES

| Metropolitan Statistical Area | August 2022 | July 2022 | August 2021 | OTM Change | OTY Change |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ASHEVILLE | 3.2 | 2.9 | 4.1 | 0.3 | -0.9 |
| BURLINGTON | 4.0 | 3.8 | 4.9 | 0.2 | -0.9 |
| CHARLOTTE-CONCORD-GASTONIA | 3.6 | 3.4 | 4.6 | 0.2 | -1.0 |
| DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL | 3.2 | 3.1 | 4.0 | 0.1 | -0.8 |
| FAYETTEVILLE | 5.8 | 5.5 | 6.9 | 0.3 | -1.1 |
| GOLDSBORO | 4.2 | 4.0 | 5.1 | 0.2 | -0.9 |
| GREENSBORO-HIGH POINT | 4.4 | 4.2 | 5.5 | 0.2 | -1.1 |
| GREENVILLE | 4.5 | 4.3 | 5.3 | 0.2 | -0.8 |
| HICKORY-LENOIR-MORGANTON | 3.6 | 3.4 | 4.6 | 0.2 | -1.0 |
| JACKSONVILLE | 4.5 | 4.4 | 5.3 | 0.1 | -0.8 |
| NEW BERN | 3.8 | 3.5 | 4.7 | 0.3 | -0.9 |
| RALEIGH | 3.3 | 3.1 | 4.1 | 0.2 | -0.8 |
| ROCKY MOUNT | 6.5 | 6.0 | 7.0 | 0.5 | -0.5 |
| WILMINGTON | 3.5 | 3.3 | 4.2 | 0.2 | -0.7 |
| WINSTON-SALEM | 3.8 | 3.6 | 4.7 | 0.2 | -0.9 |

| Micropolitan Statistical Area | August 2022 | July 2022 | August 2021 | OTM Change | OTY Change |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ALBEMARLE | 3.5 | 3.3 | 4.5 | 0.2 | -1.0 |
| BOONE | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.9 | 0.0 | -0.5 |
| BREVARD | 3.4 | 3.1 | 4.2 | 0.3 | -0.8 |
| CULLOWHEE | 3.9 | 3.9 | 4.7 | 0.0 | -0.8 |
| DUNN | 4.4 | 4.2 | 5.4 | 0.2 | -1.0 |
| ELIZABETH CITY | 4.6 | 4.3 | 5.2 | 0.3 | -0.6 |
| FOREST CITY | 5.4 | 5.2 | 6.6 | 0.2 | -1.2 |
| HENDERSON | 6.9 | 6.4 | 8.0 | 0.5 | -1.1 |
| KILL DEVIL HILLS | 3.5 | 3.2 | 4.5 | 0.3 | -1.0 |
| KINSTON | 3.9 | 3.7 | 5.0 | 0.2 | -1.1 |
| LAURINBURG | 7.7 | 7.6 | 9.5 | 0.1 | -1.8 |
| LUMBERTON | 6.5 | 6.2 | 7.7 | 0.3 | -1.2 |
| MARION | 3.7 | 3.4 | 4.5 | 0.3 | -0.8 |
| MOREHEAD CITY | 3.4 | 3.1 | 4.0 | 0.3 | -0.6 |
| MOUNT AIRY | 3.7 | 3.5 | 4.4 | 0.2 | -0.7 |
| NORTH WILKESBORO | 4.0 | 3.8 | 4.9 | 0.2 | -0.9 |
| OXFORD | 3.4 | 3.2 | 4.1 | 0.2 | -0.7 |
| PINEHURST-SOUTHERN PINES | 3.9 | 3.7 | 4.7 | 0.2 | -0.8 |
| ROANOKE RAPIDS | 6.2 | 5.9 | 7.0 | 0.3 | -0.8 |
| ROCKINGHAM | 6.0 | 5.7 | 7.3 | 0.3 | -1.3 |
| SANFORD | 4.6 | 4.2 | 5.6 | 0.4 | -1.0 |
| SHELBY | 4.3 | 4.0 | 5.4 | 0.3 | -1.1 |
| WASHINGTON | 4.1 | 3.8 | 4.9 | 0.3 | -0.8 |
| WILSON | 6.2 | 5.9 | 7.1 | 0.3 | -0.9 |

# COMBINED STATISTICAL AREAS
## MONTHLY AND YEARLY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE CHANGES

| Combined Statistical Area | August 2022 | July 2022 | August 2021 | OTM Change | OTY Change |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ASHEVILLE-BREVARD | 3.2 | 3.0 | 4.1 | 0.2 | -0.9 |
| CHARLOTTE-CONCORD | 3.7 | 3.5 | 4.6 | 0.2 | -0.9 |
| FAYETTEVILLE-LUMBERTON-LAURINBURG | 6.0 | 5.8 | 7.2 | 0.2 | -1.2 |
| GREENSBORO-WINSTON-SALEM-HIGH POINT | 4.1 | 3.9 | 5.1 | 0.2 | -1.0 |
| GREENVILLE-WASHINGTON | 4.4 | 4.2 | 5.2 | 0.2 | -0.8 |
| HICKORY-LENOIR | 3.6 | 3.4 | 4.6 | 0.2 | -1.0 |
| NEW BERN-MOREHEAD CITY | 3.6 | 3.4 | 4.4 | 0.2 | -0.8 |
| RALEIGH-DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL | 3.4 | 3.2 | 4.2 | 0.2 | -0.8 |
| ROCKY MOUNT-WILSON-ROANOKE RAPIDS | 6.3 | 6.0 | 7.1 | 0.3 | -0.8 |

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Local Area Unemployment Statistics

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# NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY RANKINGS
## Preliminary Data for August 2022

| County | Labor Force | Unemployed | Rate | Rank | County | Labor Force | Unemployed | Rate | Rank |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| BUNCOMBE | 139,864 | 4,292 | 3.1% | 1 | LENOIR | 27,091 | 1,048 | 3.9% | 51 |
| SWAIN | 7,385 | 230 | 3.1% | 2 | MOORE | 40,705 | 1,576 | 3.9% | 52 |
| CHATHAM | 37,772 | 1,184 | 3.1% | 3 | PERSON | 19,014 | 737 | 3.9% | 53 |
| AVERY | 7,826 | 248 | 3.2% | 4 | RANDOLPH | 65,335 | 2,539 | 3.9% | 54 |
| ORANGE | 82,407 | 2,617 | 3.2% | 5 | JACKSON | 19,810 | 774 | 3.9% | 55 |
| WAKE | 624,675 | 20,165 | 3.2% | 6 | WILKES | 26,643 | 1,058 | 4.0% | 56 |
| DURHAM | 180,840 | 5,854 | 3.2% | 7 | GASTON | 113,757 | 4,520 | 4.0% | 57 |
| HAYWOOD | 29,727 | 966 | 3.2% | 8 | ALAMANCE | 82,968 | 3,312 | 4.0% | 58 |
| HENDERSON | 54,682 | 1,784 | 3.3% | 9 | SAMPSON | 28,098 | 1,126 | 4.0% | 59 |
| JONES | 4,215 | 139 | 3.3% | 10 | FORSYTH | 186,114 | 7,485 | 4.0% | 60 |
| ALEXANDER | 17,710 | 588 | 3.3% | 11 | BEAUFORT | 19,752 | 805 | 4.1% | 61 |
| UNION | 129,106 | 4,287 | 3.3% | 12 | WAYNE | 51,128 | 2,140 | 4.2% | 62 |
| LINCOLN | 45,957 | 1,528 | 3.3% | 13 | CHEROKEE | 10,811 | 457 | 4.2% | 63 |
| CURRITUCK | 14,597 | 489 | 3.4% | 14 | MITCHELL | 5,920 | 251 | 4.2% | 64 |
| CARTERET | 32,398 | 1,092 | 3.4% | 15 | CASWELL | 9,704 | 415 | 4.3% | 65 |
| DARE | 22,446 | 757 | 3.4% | 16 | CHOWAN | 5,606 | 241 | 4.3% | 66 |
| GREENE | 9,366 | 318 | 3.4% | 17 | CLEVELAND | 47,655 | 2,071 | 4.3% | 67 |
| ASHE | 13,253 | 450 | 3.4% | 18 | CLAY | 3,975 | 173 | 4.4% | 68 |
| WATAUGA | 29,222 | 995 | 3.4% | 19 | ROCKINGHAM | 39,484 | 1,745 | 4.4% | 69 |
| GRANVILLE | 30,228 | 1,032 | 3.4% | 20 | HARNETT | 54,247 | 2,412 | 4.4% | 70 |
| YADKIN | 17,354 | 593 | 3.4% | 21 | PITT | 87,669 | 3,926 | 4.5% | 71 |
| TRANSYLVANIA | 15,001 | 514 | 3.4% | 22 | GUILFORD | 260,674 | 11,741 | 4.5% | 72 |
| NEW HANOVER | 127,095 | 4,362 | 3.4% | 23 | ONSLOW | 67,337 | 3,061 | 4.5% | 73 |
| STOKES | 21,326 | 737 | 3.5% | 24 | HYDE | 1,891 | 86 | 4.5% | 74 |
| JOHNSTON | 106,935 | 3,720 | 3.5% | 25 | LEE | 26,044 | 1,186 | 4.6% | 75 |
| STANLY | 30,283 | 1,056 | 3.5% | 26 | PERQUIMANS | 4,868 | 224 | 4.6% | 76 |
| MADISON | 9,926 | 348 | 3.5% | 27 | MARTIN | 8,493 | 394 | 4.6% | 77 |
| YANCEY | 8,348 | 296 | 3.5% | 28 | COLUMBUS | 23,201 | 1,095 | 4.7% | 78 |
| DAVIE | 20,456 | 726 | 3.5% | 29 | BLADEN | 14,089 | 666 | 4.7% | 79 |
| CABARRUS | 114,992 | 4,096 | 3.6% | 30 | PASQUOTANK | 16,404 | 784 | 4.8% | 80 |
| IREDELL | 93,741 | 3,347 | 3.6% | 31 | BRUNSWICK | 57,155 | 2,749 | 4.8% | 81 |
| MACON | 15,677 | 562 | 3.6% | 32 | ANSON | 10,163 | 496 | 4.9% | 82 |
| BURKE | 40,199 | 1,444 | 3.6% | 33 | NORTHAMPTON | 7,080 | 358 | 5.1% | 83 |
| PENDER | 30,170 | 1,090 | 3.6% | 34 | TYRRELL | 1,463 | 75 | 5.1% | 84 |
| CATAWBA | 78,204 | 2,850 | 3.6% | 35 | GRAHAM | 3,047 | 160 | 5.3% | 85 |
| CAMDEN | 4,571 | 168 | 3.7% | 36 | RUTHERFORD | 23,924 | 1,286 | 5.4% | 86 |
| DAVIDSON | 80,240 | 2,950 | 3.7% | 37 | BERTIE | 7,301 | 395 | 5.4% | 87 |
| PAMLICO | 5,381 | 198 | 3.7% | 38 | HOKE | 20,227 | 1,110 | 5.5% | 88 |
| SURRY | 31,640 | 1,165 | 3.7% | 39 | HERTFORD | 8,407 | 463 | 5.5% | 89 |
| GATES | 5,108 | 190 | 3.7% | 40 | WASHINGTON | 4,361 | 245 | 5.6% | 90 |
| ALLEGHANY | 4,405 | 164 | 3.7% | 41 | NASH | 41,654 | 2,388 | 5.7% | 91 |
| MCDOWELL | 19,507 | 729 | 3.7% | 42 | CUMBERLAND | 127,543 | 7,430 | 5.8% | 92 |
| CALDWELL | 35,814 | 1,343 | 3.7% | 43 | RICHMOND | 16,223 | 967 | 6.0% | 93 |
| POLK | 9,465 | 355 | 3.8% | 44 | WILSON | 32,543 | 2,032 | 6.2% | 94 |
| MECKLENBURG | 646,886 | 24,466 | 3.8% | 45 | ROBESON | 47,906 | 3,096 | 6.5% | 95 |
| ROWAN | 67,112 | 2,553 | 3.8% | 46 | HALIFAX | 18,950 | 1,252 | 6.6% | 96 |
| FRANKLIN | 33,653 | 1,285 | 3.8% | 47 | VANCE | 16,695 | 1,145 | 6.9% | 97 |
| MONTGOMERY | 11,504 | 441 | 3.8% | 48 | WARREN | 6,437 | 452 | 7.0% | 98 |
| CRAVEN | 41,214 | 1,581 | 3.8% | 49 | SCOTLAND | 11,042 | 846 | 7.7% | 99 |
| DUPLIN | 24,235 | 933 | 3.8% | 50 | EDGECOMBE | 20,082 | 1,596 | 7.9% | 100 |

*Not Seasonally Adjusted*

*Estimates subject to monthly and annual revisions.*

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**Accessing Data**

The data presented in this press release, as well as historical data, can be accessed from NC Commerce's Demand Driven Data Delivery ("D4") system: https://d4.nccommerce.com/LausSelection.aspx

**Technical Notes**

This release presents labor force and unemployment estimates from the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program. The LAUS program is a federal-state cooperative endeavor.

Labor force and unemployment--from the LAUS program

Definitions. The labor force and unemployment estimates are based on the same concepts and definitions as those used for the official national estimates obtained from the Current Population Survey (CPS), a sample survey of households that is conducted for the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) by the U.S. Census Bureau. The LAUS program measures employment and unemployment on a place-of-residence basis. The universe for each is the civilian noninstitutional population 16 years of age and over. Employed persons are those who did any work at all for pay or profit in the reference week (the week including the 12th of the month) or worked 15 hours or more without pay in a family business or farm, plus those not working who had a job from which they were temporarily absent, whether or not paid, for such reasons as bad weather, labor-management dispute, illness, or vacation. Unemployed persons are those who were not employed during the reference week (based on the definition above), had actively looked for a job sometime in the 4-week period ending with the reference week, and were currently available for work; persons on lay-off expecting recall need not be looking for work to be counted as unemployed. The labor force is the sum of employed and unemployed persons. The unemployment rate is the number of unemployed as a percent of the labor force.

Method of estimation. Statewide estimates are produced using an estimation algorithm administered by the BLS. This method, which underwent substantial enhancement at the beginning of 2021, utilizes data from several sources, including the CPS, Current Employment Statistics (CES), and state unemployment insurance (UI) programs. Substate estimates are produced using the "LAUS Handbook Method", which is also based on data from several sources. Each month, census division estimates are controlled to national totals, and state estimates are then controlled to their respective division totals. Substate estimates are controlled to their respective state totals. For more information about LAUS estimation procedures, see the BLS website at https://www.bls.gov/opub/hom/lau/calculation.htm.

Revisions. Labor force and unemployment data for the previous month reflect adjustments made in each subsequent month, while data for prior years reflect adjustments made at the end of each year. The monthly revisions incorporate updated model inputs, while the annually revised estimates reflect updated population data from the U.S. Census Bureau, any revisions in the other data sources, and model reestimation.

Area definitions. The substate area data published in this release reflect the delineations that were issued by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget on April 10, 2018. A detailed list of the geographic definitions is available online at www.bls.gov/lau/lausmsa.htm.

Reliability of the estimates

The estimates presented in this release are based on sample surveys, administrative data, and modeling and, thus, are subject to sampling and other types of errors. Sampling error is a measure of sampling variability--that is, variation that occurs by chance because a sample rather than the entire population is surveyed. Survey data also are subject to nonsampling errors, such as those which can be introduced into the data collection and processing operations. Estimates not directly derived from sample surveys are subject to additional errors resulting from the specific estimation processes used.

Model-based error measures for seasonally adjusted and not seasonally adjusted data and for over-the-month and over-the-year changes to LAUS statewide estimates are available online at www.bls.gov/lau/lastderr.htm.

**Release Dates**

The next unemployment update is scheduled for Friday, October 21, 2022 when the state unemployment rate for September 2022 will be released.

The complete 2022 data release schedule can be accessed at:

https://www.nccommerce.com/documents/release-dates-unemployment-rates